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TWO OF BROWN'S BILLS PASS OUT OF HOUSE

INDIANAPOLIS – State Rep. Charlie Brown (D-Gary) had two bills successfully pass out of the Indiana House today. House Bill 1357 and House Bill 1358 were both passed unanimously.

House Bill 1357 would provide a \$10,000 tax incentive for a human organ donation by an individual or an individual's dependent in an attempt to encourage people to be donors if they have the opportunity. This legislation would provide donors the opportunity to claim the tax credit only once in their lifetime.

"Every day, an estimated 100 people are added to the waiting list for a life-saving organ transplant somewhere in the U.S.," said Brown. "At the same time, an average of 17 people die every day because they did not receive a needed organ in time.

"With any situation where an individual needs an organ transplant, the procedure can not only result in temporary discomfort for the donor, but a loss in wages if time needs to be taken off work for post-procedure recovery," continued Brown. "Providing a tax credit for these generous actions can financially ease the process for donors."

House Bill 1358 would eliminate the requirement for women under 50 to be tested for rubella when applying for a marriage license.

"This is worthwhile legislation for the health care system," said Brown. "The rubella test requirement is archaic and creates unnecessary work for women getting marriage licenses and for the clerks who have to file the paperwork."

Both bills will now be sent to the Senate for consideration.